



Council Study Session I Focus: Overview

To ensure success, the City Council committed to meet regularly with staff and consultants for the duration of the planning process. Between October and December 2001, Council met six times in study sessions devoted to downtown issues. The goals of the sessions were to:

- Remain informed
- Share ideas
- Participate in the development of concepts

At the first session, Council developed a set of guiding principles. These principles were designed to serve as benchmarks, against which they would measure specific proposals, concepts and ideas to determine their suitability for inclusion in the plan. Council also affirmed the importance of public and stakeholder involvement. This commitment shaped the entire process that followed.

Project Schedule

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| AUGUST | Scope Approved |
| SEPT | Stakeholder Interviews |
| OCT-DEC | Council Study Sessions |
| JANUARY | Community Workshop I |
| FEBRUARY | Refined Concept |
| MARCH | Community Workshop II |
| APR-MAY | Refined Concept & Documentation |
| JUNE | Council Adoption & Implementation |

Seven Guiding Principles

CIRCULATION A plan for Downtown Redmond should contribute to a comfortable pedestrian environment and address the issue of through-traffic.

PARKING Parking in Downtown Redmond should be available for businesses, residents, and visitors and should support the pedestrian environment and the viability of transit in the downtown area.

TRANSIT A plan for downtown transit service and facilities should attain the goal of having transit, pedestrians, bicycles, and carpools be a significant share of the commute trips to and from downtown.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES A successful Downtown Redmond should include parks and open spaces that create a sense of place, that are linked, and that serve a variety of purposes.

LAND USE Downtown Redmond should include a variety of land uses that meet the residents' needs for employment, housing, shopping, recreation, entertainment, and cultural and community activities.

REDMOND AND CLEVELAND COUPLET Future improvements to Redmond Way and Cleveland Street should contribute to and reinforce this area as Redmond's "Main Street".

RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY Any design for the BNSF right-of-way should take full advantage of this asset.

Outcomes

- ✓ Established importance of public involvement
- ✓ Endorsed collaborative Council working session approach
- ✓ Developed Guiding Principles
- ✓ Identified schedule for future meetings and events
- ✓ Confirmed approach for stakeholder interviews

